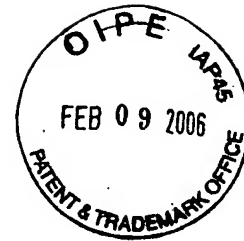


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

(1) DE 103 12 488.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a German Search Report (in German) dated July 17, 2003 and conducted in German Application No. 103 12 488.8, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the German Examiner cited:

(2) DE 199 57 915. This document is cited as an "Y" category document (i.e., a document which casts doubt on obviousness in combination with other documents). The figure is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-7 of the German Application;

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(7) JP 6-219108. This document is cited as an "Y" category document. The figure is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-7 of the German Application; and

(8) JP 2002-264612. This document is cited as an "Y" category document. The figure is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-7 of the German Application.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of document (6) which has already been listed on a form PTO-892 attached to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005) including the German Search Report are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and

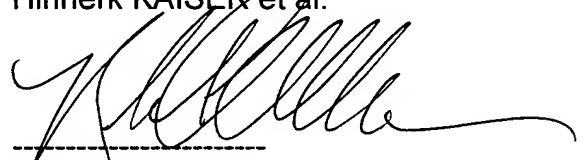
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initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3) because Applicant is attaching hereto the required fee.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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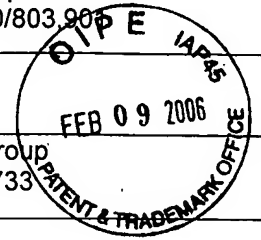
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